

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 9-11 and 14-23 are in this application and are presented for consideration. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 10, 16, 18, 21 and 23. Claims 12, 13 and 24 have been canceled.

Claims 18-23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsutomu (JP 11-111657) in view of Matsuo et al. (JP 2003-200347).

Applicant has amended claim 18 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 24 as noted in the final rejection. It is Applicant's position that claims 18-23 are allowable as now presented.

Claims 10, 12, 13, 19, 21 and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has amended claims 19 and 21 paying close attention to the Examiner's remarks. Claims 12 and 13 have been canceled. It is Applicant's position that the claims as now presented are clear and fulfill the requirements of the statute. It is believed that the claims as now presented are in condition for allowance.

Favorable action on the merits is requested.

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